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"Seest thou a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before kings."—PROVERBS 22: 29.

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#### THE STORY OF JAMES FOGGO

ELDER WILLIAM D. CALLISTER

EVERY WEEK, month in and month out, year in and year out, through holidays, through storm and strife as in peace and plenty, the *Millennial Star* is composed, published and mailed out to its subscribers with never a failure, carrying its Gospel message. However, very few of its readers are intimately



MR. JAMES FOGGO AND FAMILY James Foggo Eric E. Alfred J. Herbert G. Mrs. Lucy Louisa

acquainted with Mr. James Foggo, who, for the past thirty years, has been responsible for its faithful appearance each Thursday.

Mr. Foggo was a Christmas present to his parents in 1872. They had moved to Liverpool from Edinburgh some years before his birth. His father and mother, who died but a few years ago, where of high morality and good habits, and were religionsly inclined. He inherited all the fine characteristics of his good Scotch parents. His early life was shaped by this excellent home influence. He was taught reverence for God, and to be industrious, honest, trustworthy and reliable.

#### EARLY LIFE

He was educated at the council schools, and at the age of fourteen began to work in a printing shop as a typesetter's apprentice. An incident that happened during his first year at this trade has guided him throughout his life. One day, while at work, a happy thought came into his mind which he decided to relate to one of his fellow employees. When in the middle of his story, his foreman, a practical Scotchman well up in years, came np to him, and, taking him by the collar, said: "Young man, if you are a talker, you are done. A good typesetter, like an expert in any other trade, must be able to concentrate on his work." Mr. Foggo has not forgotten that lesson, and it is a part of his life to put his whole heart and sonl into everything he undertakes.

After a number of years of work in some of the large printing establishments of Liverpool, Mr. Foggo became proficient at his trade. He came into the employ of the *Millennial Star* office on May 25th, 1900, just thirty years ago this month. During the past three decades, he has been diligent and faithful in his work, always serving his best, never having pay-day or quitting time nppermost in his thoughts.

#### FAMILY LIFE

Mr. Foggo married Lucy Louisa Cross in the spring of 1901, and they were blessed with three sons, Alfred J., who is now twentyseven years of age, Herbert G., twenty-four, and Eric E., who is thirteen. The two older sons were given high school educations, having done well in their studies, and are now on the road to success in the business world. Eric is still attending school, in which he takes great interest, and he intends completing high school. He has not definitely decided on a life's vocation, but does not want to be a sea captain ; perhaps he went to the Isle of Man when the Irish Sea was not at its best. Mr. Foggo has provided well for his family, giving them all the comforts of home within his power.

"Be more than his dad; be a pal to the lad," has been Mr. Foggo's motto with regard to his sons. He has always joined with them and been one of them in their sports and other activities. He took an active interest in the games they played while they were in school and after they left; because of this interest, they consider him an ideal father, and have an abiding faith in him and reflect many of his characteristics.

#### ATHLETICALLY INCLINED

Mr. Foggo has been an athlete from his earliest youth. Many of his first pennies were spent at the swimming baths; swimming is his favourite sport. He became a member of the Crescent

Swimming Club of Liverpool in 1888, and was chairman of that club for a goodly number of years. In 1890, he became instructor of the club, and continned so for thirty-five years. To show their appreciation for his enthusiastic and long service, the members of the club presented him with a beantiful gold watch, and Mrs. Foggo with a lovely bag. While his other activities now restrict him. he still finds time to teach swimming. He was a reserve member of the team that won the lifesaving championship of England several years ago. He engages in other sports also. He often plays tennis with his sons, and frequently visits the bowling green, and in his yonnger days, could play football as well as any of his chums.



JAMES FOGGO

He is blessed with a good bass voice, and singing is a great pleasure to him. For many years he has been a member of various prominent choral societies in Liverpool, which have given regular concerts. In his youth, he was a member of his church choir.

#### INTEREST IN YOUTHS

Mr. Foggo takes great interest in boys and young men, and enjoys working with them. He has tanght a Sunday School class of his church for twenty-five years; and for nine of these years he was gymnastic instructor for his boys and delighted teaching them those things that would build them up physically, mentally and morally. One of his former pupils is now a prominent professor in a university, and another is a successful solicitor. He has been presented with books, pictures, a bookcase, and other gifts by his boys in recognition of their high regard and esteem for him, and in acknowledgment of their appreciation for his untiring labours. He has also taken a fatherly interest in the sons of some of the European Mission presidents. He has treated them as his own, and has many times accompanied them to the swimming baths, to games and picture shows.

Welfare work among the children of the slums attracted his attention and concern, and for a long time he was one of the foremost members of his church committee which, for a number of years, provided meals for unfortunate children who would have otherwise gone hungry.

#### WARTIME LABOURS

When the Allies were making the big drive in the spring and summer of 1918 to bring the World War to a close, the British Government drafted the men between the ages of forty and fifty to replace the younger men who were working in the munitions and aircraft factories, who received military drill as they were relieved for fighting service. Mr. Foggo was called to work in an aircraft factory in July, and continued until a month after the Armistice was signed. During this time, labour was scarce,

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# MILLENNIAL STAR.

"If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you."—JOHN 15: 18, 19.

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Heading of the first *Millennial Star* on which Mr. Foggo worked, thirty years ago.

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and most of the printing houses of the country were partly closed down. Every day after his work was done at the aircraft factory, he came to the printing office and set type and performed the other duties incident to the publishing of the *Millennial Star*. He often worked until past midnight; and the physical, mental and nervous strain was almost unbearable.

In the summer of 1928, Mr. Foggo was a member of his church delegation that went on a pilgrimage to Plymouth, Massachusetts, the place where the Pilgrim fathers from Eugland landed early in the seventeenth century. While there, he visited many places of interest in Boston and New York.

However, when considering the activities of Mr. Foggo, one must not forget the influence of a good wife and mother such as Mrs. Foggo has been. She has been a true guide to her son's, and they have been taught the real values of life. She has done her share in making a pleasant, happy and comfortable home for her children, and her husband has always received her unfailing support in all his endeavours.

The Word of Wisdom has been a constant guide to Mr. Foggo for the past thirty years. He believes in eating simple, plain foods, and in obtaining pleuty of exercise—the reason for his interest in athletics. He has never made a habit of using tobacco in any form, or of drinking alcoholic beverages, for he realizes that his physical and mental health depends largely on the habits he forms. Through this compliance with fundamental laws, he has gained health, strength and happiness. He has not lost one day's work on account of sickness; but on the contrary, he is always found at his work each day. He is kind-hearted and generons. He believes that a thing worth doing is worth doing well, and energetically endeavours to do his work efficiently.

#### TWENTY-THREE YEARS OF UNBROKEN SERVICE

#### DAVID O. MCKAY

ONE of those whose unselfish and able services have associated their names in honour with the *Millennial Star* is Mr. James Foggo. It was in May, 1900, when President Platte D. Lyman secured Mr. Foggo's services as overseer of the printing office.

Since the day he entered upon his duties, he has prepared the pages and done the mechanical work for every issue of the *Star*. During the twenty-three years and more that have intervened, the *Star* has never missed a week, and has never been late in coming off the press.

This statement conveys a greater devotion to duty than at first appears. Those who know the difficulties of securing copy, setting type, reading proof, re-arranging type, unlooked-for delays

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through sickness, etc., etc., know that it is no insignificant accomplishment, even under ordinary and favourable conditions, to achieve an unbroken record of promptness and efficiency every week for twenty-three and a half years! The record becomes all the more remarkable when we know that it was kept up even nuder the most adverse circumstances.

Born of sturdy Scotch parents, he was trained early in life in habits of industry and fragality, traits that have proved a valuable asset to him through life. Temperate, trustworthy, and capable, he is carrying now, as he has for many years past, the entire management of the book department and press of the European Mission.

Promptly, regularly, energetically, he attends to the duties of his office, his guiding motive being to-day what it has been throughout his twenty-three years of service, viz., the success of the Cause with which he is identified. In order to achieve this, he does not hesitate to return to his duties after his evening meal, and continue work nutil bed-time and after. With a task before him, his is not the question, "Is it long and tedious?" but "How can I best do it efficiently?"

Faithful, unselfish, and unswerving attention to duty for more than a score of years, and his sterling, upright character have won the appreciation and admiration of all who have known him.

> "Who does his task from day to day, And meets whatever comes his way, Believing God has willed it so, Has found true greatness here below.

For great and low there's but one test: Tis that each one shall do his best. Who works with all the strength he can, Shall never die in debt to man."

-Millennial Star, Vol. 85, pages 632-34.

#### A WORD OF APPRECIATION

#### JAMES E. TALMAGE

WITH the issnance of this number (No. 22, Vol. 87), James Foggo rounds out a period of twenty-five years of unbroken service in the printing-honse of the *Star*. A record of a full quarter of a century in good work is cause for satisfaction and justifiable pride.

The multifarions duties of the composing room, the presses, the job department, the distributing section, have been and are under the efficient direction of this faithful Superintendent. The *Star* never fails to rise at the appointed time, and is not known to have suffered obscuration by any other business bodies in space or by clouds in the home atmosphere through which it shines. In the matter of mechanical quality the magazine has maintained a standard of excellence equaled by few publications in the country—and for this all credit is due to the man in charge and his capable associates.

With characteristic bigness of soul and becoming modesty, Mr. Foggo is ever ready with a word of commendation and praise for the good work of his assistants. To him we tender hearty and heart-felt congratulations on his enviable record in this institution, and assure him that his efficient and devoted service is thoroughly appreciated. May it long continue !—*Millennial Star*, Vol. 87, page 346.

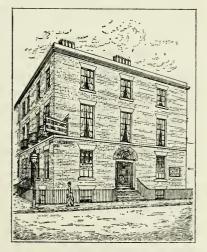
#### THE MILLENNIAL STAR OFFICE

#### WILLIAM D. CALLISTER

THE HISTORY and accomplishments of the *Millennial Star* office during the past thirty years are interesting and praiseworthy. The office has operated at times under most trying conditions. The printing department, which has been under the able supervision of Mr. Foggo during this time, did not cease to

function even when the uatious of the earth were involved in the great World War, a time at which labour and materials were extremely scarce, and when many other establishments closed their doors.

During these three decades, the editorial department has been in the charge of some of the most competent men of the Church. Platte D. Lyman, Francis M. Lyman, Heber J. Grant, Charles W. Penrose, Rudger Clawson, Hyrum M. Smith, George F. Richards, George Albert Smith, Orson F. Whitney, David O. McKay, James E. Talmage and John A. Widtsoe have, in their successive terms as mission president, assumed this re-



Forty-two Islington, Liverpool, Famous as European Mission headquarters for half a century.

sponsibility. Some have passed to the great beyond; the others are still active and prominent leaders of the Church.

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#### THURSDAY, MAY 22, 1930

#### EDITORIAL

#### TO WHOM HONOUR IS DUE

THIRTY YEARS AGO, on May 25th, 1900, Mr. James Foggo entered the employ of the *Millennial Star*. Since then, during one third of the existence of the periodical, every number of the *Star* has directly or indirectly passed through his hands—1,560 issues containing more than 25,000 pages. In addition, Mr. Foggo has superintended the printing, binding and distribution of the millions of tracts and pamphlets used by the British missionaries; and miscellaneons demands, too numerous to mention, have crowded for daily attention.

This mass of work has been exceedingly well done. The volumes of the *Star* and the files of the other publications of the *Millennial Star* office give evidence of the skill, care and sincerity which have guided those who, these many years, have had charge of the mechanical work of the printing office.

The toiler's highest and best reward is the inward satisfaction begotten by a task faithfully done. To this reward Mr. Foggo is entitled to a high degree. Almost as desirable is the appreciation of those for whom the labour has been done. This also has come plentifully to Mr. Foggo. Presidents of the European Mission, associate editors of the *Millennial Star*, and all who have laboured with him, have returned to their homes with deep, lasting friendship and thorough appreciation for the man who simply, intelligently, insistently, without noise or shouting, has performed so well the daily work placed upon him.

It is much to say that a man over a period of thirty years has never counted hours, feared storms, or pleaded for himself, in the face of the demands of his daily task—all that is as gold in a man's character—but it is more to be able to say honestly that a man, during the better part of a lifetime, with family and other diverting cares, has so fully identified himself with his work that his loyalty has been undivided and his integrity complete. That can be said of Mr. Foggo. Such praise is the highest that can be bestowed upon him. "An ounce of loyalty is worth a pound of eleverness;" and Mr. Foggo has combined in his work both loyalty and skill.

The Lord has blessed Mr. Foggo. His health has been superb. Want has passed by his door. Friends he has had, many. His children are an honour to him. His wife, an accomplished woman of personal grace, has been a helpmeet in very deed, a considerate,

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patient counselor in the midst of the day's continuous routine. He has the love of many. Perhaps life can offer little more.

The Millennial Star; its staff and readers, past and present, dedicate this number of the Star to Mr. James Foggo, in appreciation of his long-continued, faithful, never flinching service over nearly a generation of time, the type of faithful devotion to duty which makes kings of men. Sincere thanks go out also to Mrs. Foggo, whose cooperation has made such a record of service possible.

May the stream of life move long and smoothly for James Foggo, master printer of the *Millennial Star*, and for all who have laboured with him and helped him make his record possible.—W.

#### THE CONSTANT STAR

ON my desk lie Volumes 1 and 62 of the *Millennial Star*, the former published in 1840 and the latter in 1900. The editor of Volume 1, Parley P. Pratt, died nine years after the editor of Volume 62, Platte D. Lyman, was born.

The similarity of the two volumes, separated by an interval of sixty years, is startling. I do not mean in size of page or quality of paper or kind of type, the unessentials. I mean in their message, in their solution of the problems that hinder full human happiness. The call to repentance and the promise of salvation, the testimony of the latter-day restoration of the Gospel, are the same in 1900 as they were in 1840.

The brilliant editor of Volume 1 writes in the prospectus :

The *Millennial Star* . . . will be devoted to the spread of the fulness of the Gospel—the restoration of the ancient principles of Christianity—the gathering of Israel—the rolling forth of the kingdom of God among the nations—the signs of the times—the fulfilment of prophecy.

The versatile associate editor of sixty years later, Henry W. Naisbitt, echoes in Volume 62 the above words:

That promised spirit of revelation, given in olden time, has been repeated in this day—modern Israel have the word of the Lord—the prayers of the righteous are ascending—that the kingdom of God may be fully established upon the earth.

Every volume has brought and borne the same message.

During the two generations that lie between these volumes, marvelous physical changes have come over the earth. A new civilization has been born. Yet the deep need of human hearts remains unchanged. Life and death succeed each other as before. The meaning of eternity continues to be the great question of mankind. Therefore, the simple principles of everlasting truth are as necessary to-day as they were yesterday. Faith in God is equally indispensable whether a man ride in a motor car or a horse drawn vehicle. Changes are required only in the application, not in the essence, of eternal realities.

It is good to know that in this day of fluctuating theories and vacillating beliefs, products of man's hurried attempt to interpret the rapidly accumulating volume of knowledge, the old anchorage of Gospel truth is yet the safest in the storms of life. And it is with a measure of pride that I note in the long row of *Millennial Star* volumes, now ninety-one, the teaching of one truth, one set of principles, encompassed by the plan of salvation, never deviating from the straight course of faith laid out for man by the Father of all. There is yet but "One Lord, one faith, one baptism."

Constancy of faith, of outlook, of hope—is not that the world's need? A growing religion, yes, in an advancing world; but one that expands from within, not one that increases in volume by the addition of dead material from without. Is not that the strength of "Mormonism"? A structure of principles of truth, so vast, so unshakable, so fitted to man's needs, that throughout the endless ages, infinite truth may find its place therein.—W.

#### A FAITHFUL WORKER

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- MANY willing hands have helped make the *Millennial Star* a prompt and attractive weekly visitor to Latter-day Saints and their friends in this and other lands. Among these helpers, during the service of the man to whom this issue is dedicated, none has served so long or more willingly than Mrs. Agnes Macdonald, who is still the chief assistant compositor for the *Star*. During thirteen years she has taken her full share of the work—dependable, agreeable, persistent. The days of labour have often lengthened far into the evening, and the even course of policy has often been interrupted, but Mrs. Macdonald has supported her chief and the editors without complaint, and with generous loyalty. For faithful and friendly service, the officers of the *Millennial Star* extend their appreciation and thanks to Mrs. Agnes Macdonald.

And, by this token, all who have helped make the Star brilliant to the eye as well as to the mind, are held in grateful remembrance.—W.

#### A FRIEND HAS GONE

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WE are called upon to record the passing of a former associate editor of the *Star*.

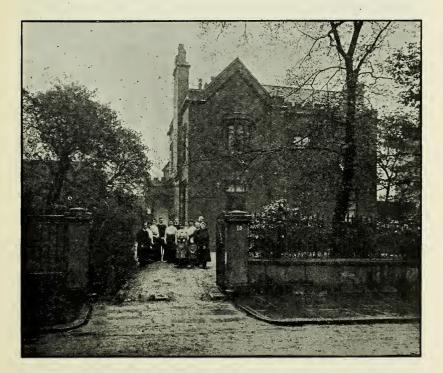
Elder Junius F. Wells, born on June 1st, 1854, died on April 15th,

1930. From April 10th, 1919, to July 1st, 1921, he served on the editorial staff of the *Star*. His ready pen, facile and cultured mind and wealth of experience touched with interest and information all that he wrote.

Elder Wells had the distinction of being the young man to whom President Brigham Young committed the task of organizing the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association, now grown into a powerful means of teaching and spreading the Gospel, particularly in the domain of youth.

In his young manhood, Elder Wells founded, edited and published for thirteen years, the *Contributor*, a notable Church magazine, the predecessor of the *Improvement Era*. It was Elder Wells who was entrusted with the planning and supervision of the beautiful Joseph Smith Monument and Memorial Cottage at the Prophet's birthplace. He carried off many other responsibilities. At the time of his demise he was one of the Assistant Historians of the Church.

The hearts of all who knew Elder Wells will long cherish his memory.—W.



Ten Holly Road, Liverpool, Headquarters of the European Mission and *Millennial Star* from May 1st, 1904, to January 1st, 1907.

#### THE MILLENNIAL STAR OFFICE

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They have been efficiently assisted by the following associate editors: A. Wootton, Henry W. Naisbitt, Alex Buchanan, Joseph J. Cannon, Walter M. Wolfe, Nephi Anderson, William A. Morton, S. Norman Lee, Hugh Ireland, Thomas W. Brookbank, J. M. Sjödahl, Junius F. Wells, David L. McKay, G. Martin Hopfenbeck, Junius S. Romney, F. Artell Smith, James K. Knudson, Waldo L. Osmond, Richard L. Evans, Weston N. Nordgen and William D. Callister. Each of these brethren in his turn has devoted his energies and talents toward the successful operation of the department.

The trials attendant upon frequent change of editorial staffs have been overcome by the close cooperation of the two departments of the office." The *Millennial Star*, which is a living history of the British and European Missions as well as being a messenger of truth and salvation, has never missed an issue and has been prompt in its publication.

The issuance of the *Millennial Star* has not been the only concern of the office. The type for many tracts and pamphlets has been set up from which electrotype plates have been made. Until 1916, when the printing force became reduced due to the War, all tracts and pamphlets used in the British Mission were

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## BARRER-DAY SAINTS MILLENNIAL STAR.

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#### PROSPECTUS.

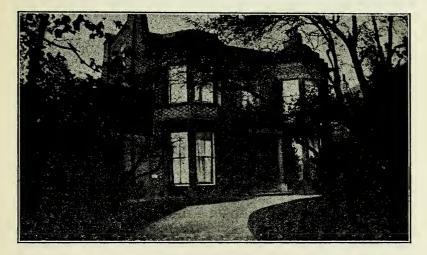
THE long night of darkness is now far spent—the truth revived in its primitive simplicity and purity, like the day-star of the horizon, lights up the dawn of that effulgent morn when the knowledge of God will cover the earth as the waters cover the sea. It has pleased the Almighty to send forth an HOLY ANGEL, to restore the fulness of the gospel with all its attendant blessings, to bring together his wandering sheep into one fold, to restore to them "the faith which was once delivered to the saints," and to send his servants in these last days, with a special message to all the nations of the earth, in order to prepare all who will hearken for the Second Advent of Messiah, which is now near at hand.

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Title page of *Millennial Star*, Vol. 1, No. 1, published May, 1840, by Parley P. Pratt, at Manchester. printed in the printing department, and this practice was again resumed for two years after the War.

Books also have been set up and printed in the *Star* office. The type for one edition of Dr. James E. Talmage's *Articles of Faith* was set up during the year preceding the War, of which electrotype plates were made. Several thousand copies of this book were printed by our printing department.

During the World War, under circumstances already mentioned, two thousand copies of the *Doctrine and Covenants Commentary*, a volume of twelve hundred pages, were printed and published, which required tedious and lengthy labour, at times extending far into the night, on the part of the editorial and printing staffs. Electrotype plates, which were subsequently sent to Church headquarters, were also made of this volume. When Elder Orson F. Whitney presided over the European Mis-



"Durham House," 295 Edge Lane, Liverpool, present location of the European Mission and *Millennial Star* office.

sion, two thousand copies of his book of poems, Voices from the Mountains, were likewise printed and published by the Star office.

During the past thirty years, the *Millennial Star* office has had three homes. Until the late spring of 1904, it was located at 42 Islington, famous throughout the Church for fifty years as the headquarters of the European Mission. Heber J. Grant was then President of the Mission, and he moved headquarters to 10 Holly Road. The first issue of the *Millennial Star* published in the new home appeared on May 5th, 1904. During the latter part of 1906, President Grant sought new headquarters, and made arrangements for removal to 295 Edge Lane, the present office. However, he was released from his presiding capacity before moving, but his successor, Charles W. Penrose, completed arrangements, and the first number of the *Millennial Star* of the new year, 1907, was published at the new location. These removals did not disrupt the activities of the office.

The Millennial Star office is a place of activity, and the daily rontine of duties keeps all employed therein busy. The editorial office occupies one of the rooms of the second floor of "Durham Honse." In it is a library containing some of the valuable sets of books owned by and in the possession of the Church. The Millennial Star set is complete, going back to the first issue published by Parley P. Pratt in the month of May, 1840, at Manchester. Material is furnished other Enropean missions as well as the British Mission by the Star office.

The printing department occupies the first and second floors at the rear of the building. The composing room, located on the second floor, contains several racks of type, a hand press for job printing, a cutting machine and a stapling machine which are electrically operated, and other furnishings common to printing establishments. The type used is renewed every three years, thus enabling the production of a clear-ent copy. The press room is on the ground floor, and contains an electrically operated press which was purchased in 1904. Although twenty-six years old, it has all the fundamental principles of more recent presses. It has given exceptional service, and has not had an operation failure during its use. A shipping room is also maintained on the second floor, where all books, pamphlets, tracts, *Millennial Stars* and other materials are prepared for distribution and sale.

The quality and quantity of the work done in the *Millennial* Star office during these last thirty years, characteristic of the sixty years previous, have been ontstanding. The books, pamphlets and tracts published by the office have been noteworthy contributions to the great cause, and those who have been responsible for the publication of them and for the other accomplishments of this period of time should be highly commended for their good works and strenuous efforts.

#### FREE STATE DISTRICT CONFERENCE

ON SUNDAY, May 4th, the members of the Church in the Irish Free State District met in District Conference at 8 Merrion Row, Dublin, to express their appreciation for the privileges of the Gospel, and to celebrate the Centennial anniversary of the Church organization.

During the three sessions, Centennial programs were admirably carried out. A pageant depicting the organization of the Church was effectively presented by six young men of the District, and beautiful instrumental and vocal selections were rendered by local members, which added to the impressiveness of the conference. President and Sister A. William Lund and Elder Joseph A. Checketts, of the British Mission Office, and District President Benjamin R. Birchall delivered addresses on the restoration of the fulness of the Gospel and its effect in shaping the lives of those who had accepted it.

The day also marked the eleventh anniversary of the presidency of Elder Birchall over the Free State District; he was appointed District President on May 4th, 1919. The conference was attended by those in the photograph below.

BENJAMIN R. BIRCHALL, District President.



MISSIONARIES AT FREE STATE CONFERENCE

FIRST ROW, left to right: President Ferrell N. Beckstead, Ulster District; Elder James B. Harvey, Free State District; Elder Joseph A. Checketts, British Mission Office; Sister Josephine B. Lund, President British Mission Relief Societies; British Mission President A. William Lund; Sister E. A. Birchall, President Benjamin R. Birchall, Free State District; second row: Elders Arlow W. Nalder, Arthur S. Gailey and Otto Done, Ulster District; Sister Gwendolyn Lund, British Mission Office; Sister Eva Birchall; Elder Raymond H. Swensen, Free State District; Elders Edward E. Drury and Gordon L. Allen, Ulster District.

#### FROM THE MISSION FIELD

**Doings in the Districts**: *Liverpool*—A very successful Bee-Hive and M Men social was held in the Burnley Branch on Saturday, May 3rd. A large group of members and friends enjoyed the program presented.

Twelve persons were baptized at a baptismal service held in the Burnley

municipal baths, on Saturday, May 3rd, by Elders J. Alvin Ritchie, Ralph W. Oborn and William Chaston. They were confirmed by President Eugene Romney, Jr., and Elders J. Alvin Ritchie, William Yancey, L. Burdette Pugnire, Ralph W. Oborn, William Chaston, Lyndon J. Hall and Clifford L. Ashton.

Scottish—On Monday, May 5th, the members of the Aberdeen Branch thoroughly enjoyed a delightful picnić. Many outdoor games were played, and a luncheon was prepared and served by the Relief Society sisters.

**Branch Conferences:** Of the Coventry Branch, Birmingham District, held on Sunday, May 4th. President Virgil J. Smith, and Elders Therald N. Jensen, Sidney G. Atkin and Cyrus W. Greaves attended. The theme of the conference was "Prophecy versus Apostasy."

Of the Accrington Branch, Liverpool District, held on April 27th. At the afternoon session, the Sunday School children portrayed the mission of the Saviour. The general theme was "The Dispensation of the Fulness of Times." Missionaries attending were President Eugene Romney Jr., and Elders H. Wendell Jacob, Horace C. Cherrington and Hillman C. Snell.

Of the Birkenhead Branch, Liverpool District, held on May 4th. A pageant was given by the Sunday School members. The effect of the search of truth was the theme of the day. European Mission President John A. Widtsoe, Elder Richard C. Badger of the European Mission Office, President Eugene Romney, Jr., and Elders H. Wendell Jacob, Ralph S. Olpin, Earl B. Cragun and Leon Whiting were present.

Of the Aberdeen Branch, Scottish District, held on May 4th. The lives of the Church leaders were sketched in pageant. "A Century of Gospel Light" was the theme of the conference. President William M. Faulds, and Elders DeVon Y. Stewart and O. Sherwin Webb were in attendance.

Of the Hucknall Branch, Nottingham District, held on Sunday, April 13th. Members of the Sunday School took active part on the programs which were presented before a large audience. President Harold B. Rowell and Elder Marion S. Johnston were present.

BRITISH MISSION ADDRESS: A. WILLIAM LUND, PRESIDENT, 23 BOOTH STREET, HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM

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